



Wisconsin's State Inter-Agency Training Committee

SITCOM's Mission: To maintain and strengthen a statewide team of well-trained conservation professionals that carry on Wisconsin's rich history of conserving soil and water resources through a coordinated and efficient partnership.

Minutes

Friday, January 15, 2021 / 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Present: Steve Becker, Bart Chapman, Stacy Dehne, Kevin Erb, Coreen Fallat, Karl Gesch, Holly Giombi, Kelli Neitzel, Dan O'Connell, Josh Odekirk, Josh O'Neil, Penny Pohle, Chris Schlutt, Mike Stanek, Nate Walker, Matt Woodrow, Drew Zelle

Absent: Anne Nardi (excused), Tony Reali (excused), Mimi Broeske

Approve December 7 minutes: Minutes were approved by consensus. Will post minutes on WI Land+Water SITCOM webpage. Discussed the lack of awareness about SITCOM; the more we promote, the better. When AITCOM Training Catalog and SITCOM Training Workplan are complete, Penny will send out an email to the counties with ATCP 50.52, what SITCOM is doing, link to the website, etc. Partners can share the email as appropriate. Coreen will include a SITCOM update in her monthly report along with the link to the SITCOM webpage. Information will be included in SITCOM Training E-newsletters.

Action: Penny will post minutes on SITCOM webpage, send out informational email, and include information in SITCOM Training E-newsletter. Coreen will include information in the DATCP monthly report.

Review membership and confirm member representatives: Members were approved as shown on Page 2 of these minutes. If Mimi Broeske doesn't feel she can meet the duties of the committee, Jamie Patton was suggested as the possible SITCOM member for the UW-Madison College of Ag and Life Sciences. Emily Micolichuk, engineer with Miller Engineers & Scientists and a member of Wisconsin Association of Professional Agricultural Consultants (WAPAC), was suggested for the member at large, professional engineering practitioner member. Penny will reach out to these three people. Other individuals can attend SITCOM meetings but will not be allowed to vote unless they are a substitute for a committee member that is unable to attend.

Action: Penny to contact Mimi Broeske, Jamie Patton, and Emily Micolichuk about serving on SITCOM.

Review Statewide AITCOM Training Catalog and discuss how to share the catalog: This could go in email that goes out with minutes and what to expect going forward. Suggestion: use Excel on-line, where only certain people can add/delete (password protected?), but all can view. Maybe the new WI Land+Water website will provide an opportunity for this editing ability instead of everyone sending Penny the updates and her having to do them. It may be best to have one gatekeeper.

Action: If completed, send the AITCOM Training Catalog with the initial email to counties and partners. Check if new WI Land+Water website can allow committee members to make edits to the training catalog.

Develop 2021 SITCOM training workplan and prioritize trainings: Committee completed the SITCOM training workplan. Partners will use SITCOM logo and/or acknowledge that the training is a SITCOM training when it is one of the trainings included on the SITCOM workplan. The lead person(s) for a training needs to work out the details and apprise Penny of any trainings and if her assistance is required with promotion, registration, hosting on-line training, evaluations, etc.

Action: Penny and Coreen will update the SITCOM training workplan with the decisions made at this meeting. Committee members will use the SITCOM logo and/or acknowledge SITCOM on trainings that are on the SITCOM workplan. Committee members will continue to work on planning trainings and will keep Penny updated on trainings and training needs.

Use of standard evaluation questions: Will discuss at the March meeting.

Action: Use of standard evaluation questions will be placed on March meeting agenda.

Future meeting dates from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on March 16, July 20, September 21, and December 8.

Meeting adjourned.

SITCOM Members and Representatives

- AITCOM-#1-Northern/Park Falls - Stacy Dehne
- AITCOM-#2-NW/Altoona - Josh O'Neil
- AITCOM-#3-NE/Appleton - Drew Zelle
- AITCOM-#4-SW/Richland Center - Kelli Neitzel
- AITCOM-#5-SE/Juneau - Josh Odekirk
- Dept. Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection - Matt Woodrow, Coreen Fallat
- Dept. of Natural Resources - Karl Gesch, Nate Walker
- Natural Resources Conservation Service - Steve Becker, Mike Stanek
- Professional Improvement Committee (PIC) - Tony Reali
- Technical Committee (TC) - Dan O'Connell
- UW-Madison College of Ag and Life Sciences - Mimi Broeske
- UW-Madison Division of Ext. - Kevin Erb, Anne Nardi
- WI Land+Water - Penny Pohle, Chris Schlutt
- Member at large, professional engineering practitioner - Vacant